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DR. FRANK K. MEANS

Dr. Frank K. Means Elected Secretary For Latin America

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for missionary education and promotion for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board since July, 1947, has been elected secretary for Latin America, a position left vacant by the death of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., last April.

A native of Harwood, Mo., Dr. Means was educated at Kansas City (Missouri) Junior College, Oklahoma Baptist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, from which he received the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he did some graduate work.

He became a member of the faculty of Southwestern Seminary in the department of missions in 1939, a position which he held until his resignation in 1947 when he was elected to the staff of the Foreign Mission Board.

In the course of his duties, Dr. (Continued On Page Two)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Convention Board Treasurer's Office will hold the October books open through Wednesday, Nov. 3 instead of Oct. 31 as previously announced, it has been revealed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive-treasurer.

This will enable churches giving on the percentage plan to get their checks for October to apply on the present effort to reach our goal of \$1,500,000, and all contributions received on or before Nov. 3 will count on this year's budget.

WE THOUGHT IT THEN; WE KNOW IT NOW

By E. C. WILLIAMS

Many years ago the late and beloved Dr. L. G. Gates, for forty years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Laurel, told this writer that one of the greatest possessions this earth affords is friends.

We thought then that it was true; During recent days the truth of the above statement has been amply proven. It is simply impossible with human words to say how we feel towards our friends.

They have come, multitudes of them; they have written letters and cards; they have sent telegrams and they have called by telephone; they have brought food and about every thing we needed.

In addition, they have met us at different places, and it is every where the same story: "If I can help in any way, just let me know." And they meant every word of it.

They have shared with us their best wishes; their warm greetings; their sympathetic interest, their prayers, their money.

We cannot respond personally to each of these messages, but in this way we want to say from the deep of our hearts, "Thank You."

My Visit To The Soviet Union

By DR. W. O. LEWIS
Associate Secretary of
the Baptist World Alliance

My first visit to Soviet Russia was in 1922. I was at the time the Representative in Europe of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. On account of the shortage of rainfall in the Bolga valley, in the Ukraine, and in the Crimea, there was a great famine. Millions had starved to death. The American Relief Administration, under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Hoover, was feeding about 10,000,000 people. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke was directing relief operations on behalf of the Baptists of the world. American Baptists did what they

could to relieve distress in Russia through the American Relief Administration, and other Baptists worked through the Nansen Committee of the League of Nations. I went to gather information to guide Baptists in the Northern States in their relief operations. After consulting all concerned, it was decided that American Baptists should make themselves responsible for feeding all they could reach in a small area north of the Crimea. Mr. Ivanov-Klishnikov, a Russian Baptist layman, looked after the distribution of relief supplies. And food packages were sent to Baptist churches

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October Coop Receipts Thru 18th Reach Total \$82,985.17

\$96,128.15 Necessary To Finish Capital Needs Goal

\$196,128.15 Needed To Complete 1954 Goal

Sam Morris Goes On NBC Sunday, Nov. 7

Rev. Sam Morris of San Antonio, Texas, has scheduled a thirty minute broadcast over the coast to coast facilities of NBC for November 7th. He will speak on the subject: "Liquor—A Curse to America." The broadcast will be given a 6-6:30 p. m., Central Standard Time.

This will be the first time since the repeal of national prohibition that a national network has sold time for a public discussion of the highly controversial subject of prohibition. It culminates a fifteen year struggle on the part of the National Temperance Council, spearheaded by Mr. Morris, to get on the networks.

Mr. Morris is a nationally known Baptist minister, the author and publisher of many temperance and religious books, and for twenty years the broadcaster of "The Voice of Temperance" program advocating abstinence and prohibition. He is also co-founder and president of the Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company with home office in Des Moines, Iowa, a nationwide auto insurance company for non-drinking car owners.

Vatican Decree Aids Family Rosary Recitation

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — New provisions under which plenary indulgences may be gained by Catholic families through recitation of the rosary each weekday were contained in a decree issued by the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary and published in Osservatore Romano, Vatican newspaper.

The indulgences, which are additional to those already obtainable through rosary prayers, will be granted each Saturday, two other days during the week and on all major feast days of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In order to gain these special spiritual favors, Catholic families must participate in the recitation as a group.

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for October through Monday the 18th totaled \$82,985.17, leaving \$96,128.15 necessary to complete the capital needs division, it has been revealed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

\$196,128.15 would be necessary to complete the total objective of \$1,500,000 for 1954.

Receipts for the year through Oct. 18 total \$1,303,871.85.

"Supplementary checks continue to come in and the outlook is encouraging but we must not relax or become over-confident," exclaimed the executive-secretary.

As an incentive the Convention board books will be held open through Wednesday, Nov. 3 and all contributions received through that day will apply on this year's budget.

This will especially enable the churches that give on a percentage basis to get their checks into the office to count on this year's budget.

Supplementary checks received and not listed previously include: Union, Waltham Association, Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor, \$25; Dekalb, Rev. Barney Loper, pastor, \$51.85; Eastlawn, Pascagoula Rev. Oliver Marson, pastor, \$50; Good Hope, Panola Association, Rev. M. C. Whitten, pastor, \$60; New Palestine, Pearl River Association, Rev. J. E. Moak, pastor, \$100; Pleasant Hill, Greene Association, Rev. Luther Turner, pastor, \$25.

All the funds being received now and until the \$1,400,000 mark is reached will be applied to the capital needs division.

Mississippi Installed As Georgetown President

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Oct. 8—Dr. H. Leo Eddleman was installed as the 19th president of Georgetown College, at inauguration ceremonies in the John L. Hill Chapel, October 8 at 8 p. m.

A native Mississippian, Dr. Eddleman holds the bachelor-of-arts degree from Mississippi College, and the master-of-theology and doctor-of-philosophy degrees from the

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Circulation This Week — 84,728

An Open Letter To Mississippi Pastors

Dear Brother Pastor:

The Baptist Record is the best single means we have of getting our entire Baptist program before our people so that they may be informed and enlisted in the work we are doing together in the cause of our Master.

We rejoice in the great gain that has been made in the circulation of The Record during the past few years. The circulation has increased from 4,001 in 1935 to more than 84,000. There are more than 1,100 of our churches which have adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The goal for 1954 however, is 1,200 EVERY FAMILY churches.

As you probably know the EVERY FAMILY Plan is the sending of The Record to all the resident families of the church by the church at a cost of only 8 1-3 cents per family per month.

Certainly every Baptist in Mississippi needs the information he will receive in The Baptist Record. It will help the church, the pastor, and the work. It will be a source of inspiration to churches during the coming year to have The Baptist Record going into the homes of the people.

In these coming months of this year it will be of inestimable value.

The Baptist Record has always been true to the faith, a friend to all pastors and to all of our Baptist people and work.

I should like to urge you to lead your church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

I am sure the results will be even beyond the highest expectations.

Yours truly,

CHESTER L. QUARLES,
Executive Secretary,
Mississippi Baptist
Convention Board

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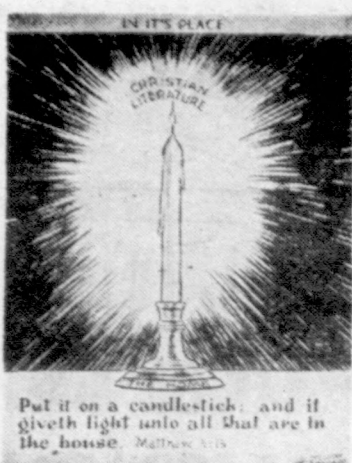
October Coop

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tal needs division for the five institutions listed in the budget.

"The building needs of the institutions are acute and critical and Mississippi Baptists have an opportunity now to do something worthwhile for these institutions through the Cooperative Program," Secretary Quarles declared.

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Roman Catholics in the United States contribute 71 per cent of all mission funds available to Pope Pius XII, according to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, New York.



My Visit To

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where the people were hungry. Besides, American Baptists operated three dining rooms in three universities. I met in Moscow on this recent trip a brother who had received some of our food 32 years ago.

I went to Russia again early in 1923. I looked after the distribution of a large shipment of clothing which the Baptists in the Northern States sent over. With the help of the A. R. A., we furnished clothing for at least 30,000 people. In this shipment there was a large quantity of new clothing for children and many household supplies which at the time were not obtainable in Russia.

I went to Russia as a tourist the third time in 1929. Until 1928 our Russian Baptist churches had much freedom. Our brethren had been allowed to open a theological seminary in Moscow in 1928. But soon afterwards persecution began. The seminary was closed early in 1929. I went to the building and met the wife of the principal of the school, Ivanov-Klishikov. He was at the time in the Lubianka prison and was afterwards banished to Siberia where he died. One of our Baptist brethren came to see me but was afraid to stay more than a few minutes.

I went to Russia the fourth time in 1935. I went to attend a course of lectures in English, in the University of Moscow, which had been arranged for Anglo-American students. The course was to last four weeks. But just before school was to begin, the whole arrangement was canceled by the Soviet Government. No one was able to find out why the plan was changed. I spent a while in Moscow and then went down to the Caucasus on my way out through Odessa. Soon after I left Russia in 1935 practically all our churches in Russia were closed. It seems that during the war the policy of the Government changed. The Orthodox Church and all other religions now

enjoy much more freedom.

On April 12, 1954, a letter came from the Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptist Union in the U. S. S. R., inviting Dr. F. Townley Lord, President of the Baptist World Alliance, and me, to visit the Soviet Union. (The Soviets had sent a team to row against a British team. They were pleased with the sporting spirit of the British and said this helped international understanding. We felt a Baptist visit might help all around). Dr. Lord was authorized to choose one other Baptist leader to accompany us. He chose Dr. Ernest A. Payne, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. We had no trouble in getting Soviet visas.

Fortunately we were in Moscow when leaders from all over the Soviet Union were present. There is a very efficient Baptist organization in Russia. There are 59 district superintendents who lead in the work much as our state executive secretaries. They are appointed by the Baptist Union in Moscow with the approval of local Baptists. I was told they are expected to report to the Government as well as to the Baptist Union headquarters.

In the two weeks we were in Russia we visited Moscow, Voronezh, Stalingrad, Rostov, Taganrog, Kharkov, and Leningrad. We traveled by air everywhere except from Moscow to Leningrad. All arrangements were made by the Intourist travel organization. Three of our brethren went with us everywhere and we had the services of an official interpreter. I give herewith a few of my impressions of the trip.

First of all, I noticed a great improvement in the country. The people were better dressed. There are many automobiles on the streets. We could see in the southern part of the country the evidences of the destruction of cities during the war. But we were also glad to see that many of these places are well on the way to being restored.

We were glad to see many younger people in the services. In Moscow we saw 30 persons baptized. Only a few of them were old.

There is a great shortage of hymnbooks. About the only ones we saw were old copies of Goosli, a hymnal printed by the Compass Publishing Company in Lodz, Poland, in 1924. This company was supported by the time by Baptists of the Northern States. Our people know many hymns by heart and the choirs are using hectograph copies of the music they sing.

And Bibles are very scarce. The Bibles we saw were printed in Russia from plates paid for by the American Bible Society in 1926. At the time, 25,000 copies were printed. None have been printed since and we could learn of no Bibles sent in from the outside in recent years. It is hoped that our friends may soon be able to print both Bibles and songbooks.

We made inquiry everywhere about religious freedom. Our brethren told us that Baptists are free to carry on their work everywhere in the Soviet Union. We were told that they have the right to have a theological seminary even as the Orthodox Church. As

soon as an adequate building can be secured and when professors can be found, Baptists plan to open a theological school in Moscow.

Everywhere we went our Russian Baptist friends asked us what the Baptist World Alliance is doing for peace. They think we should pass a resolution at our Congress in London next year calling for the immediate destruction of all atomic bombs. We did not feel we could discuss this fully and freely as it was in a sense a political question. We tried to tell them that the bomb was only a part of the problem of disarmament. The size and location of armies would have to be considered. And if goodwill among the nations should grow, disarmament would follow.

From members of the Council from the Baltic States, I was able to get news for the first time since the war from friends of former days in these countries. Some are living and working. All suffered much during the war, and some are dead.

We were told by our leaders in Moscow that there are now 5,000 churches in the Union, with a membership of well over 500,000. And it is estimated that there are over 2,000,000 people who hold to our faith who are not in the Un-

Mississippi Installed

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Southern Baptist Seminary, Georgetown awarded him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity in 1948.

The new president came to Georgetown from the Louisville Seminary, where he was on the faculty as professor of Hebrew and Old Testament. For ten years he was pastor of the Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville, and prior to that time had spent some years as missionary and teacher in Palestine.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Eddleman is the son of Rev. R. A. Eddleman of Clinton.)

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Dr. Frank K. Means

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Means has visited some 30 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries serve. In his new responsibility he will direct the work of 395 missionaries in 77 stations in 13 Latin American republics and two British colonies where Southern Baptists have work.

Since 1917 the number of Baptists in the Soviet Union has increased fivefold. Let us pray earnestly for our brethren in the Soviet Union. They promised to pray for us.

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Don't Hold That Money

On page one is an important announcement which you probably have already read. If not, read it NOW and then read this.

Because October ends on Sunday money received by the churches would not reach the Convention Board office before November 1 or the day after.

As is well known, many Baptists throughout Mississippi are working, praying and giving in an effort to reach the goal of \$1,500,000 for this Convention year. Only ten days remain. It will take prayers, work and money to reach the goal.

In view of the above facts, Dr. Quarles, after consulting with the Executive Committee, has decided to hold the books open until Wednesday, November 3, in order to give the churches an opportunity to get funds received on Sunday, October 31, to Baptist Headquarters in time to count on this year's receipts.

Hence the plea:

Please rush funds received on Sunday, October 31, to the Convention Board. Mail them Monday morning, November 1, if possible.

And if anyone has forgotten to mail funds previously received, send them.

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It Was Ridiculous But

The Times-Picayune of September 28 quotes Sheriff D. J. Doucet as branding as "ridiculous" a state police gambling raid Sunday on a "bingo" game at a country Catholic church north of Opelousas, Louisiana.

According to the Times-Picayune, two troopers, under a statewide edict against all gambling—including church bingo and raffles—arrested three farmers Sunday on the grounds of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Morrow.

Father Alfred Voukirapis, pastor, said the incident occurred during the annual church fair.

The sheriff declared "that little church up there burned down last summer and they were trying to get some money to build a new church."

"In poorer communities," the sheriff said, "the only way they can ever make a little church money for repairs or painting or rebuilding is to have church bazaars—bringing people from the cities to spend money."

"In St. Landry," he added, "we even used to have a little 10-cent poker, but it looks like the Kennon administration has changed the picture."

A few comments.

1. Gambling is gambling whether it is done on a churchyard, in a church building, for a church fund, or for any other purpose.

2. Gambling is wrong, wherever done and for whatever cause. A church must be poor indeed and even poorer than that if, as the sheriff said, "The only way they can ever make a little money for repairs or painting or rebuilding is to have church bazaars."

3. Sunday is no time for a fair, church or secular.

The best way to support a church is the Bible way—not the devil's way. The Bible teaches tithes and offerings and if the people referred to above or any others would pay God what they owed Him, they would not need to run gambling games to support their church.

Thank God for state officers who are willing to enforce the law. The law in Louisiana prohibits gambling. The governor and his officers are trying to enforce the law as written, without preferred treatment for any group. We need more officers of that kind.

There are many references in the Bible that condemn gambling. The very fact that a religious organization permits this type of activity to finance its churches causes suspicions to arise.

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One By One

Dr. David M. Gardner, who has served as editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas for ten years, is retiring on November 1. One by one our Baptist state paper editors are reaching their time of ease and stepping aside for younger men.

No one among the editors is more deserving of retirement than Editor Gardner, who has not only produced a paper which is the pride of Texas but a circulation which is the pride of all Baptists.

Since 1944, when Dr. Gardner became editor, the circulation has

grown from 110,000 to 280,000. We have read his editorials each week with interest as well as profit. He knows what to say and then how to say it.

Concerning his retirement, Dr. Gardner insists that he is not retiring, but that he is simply stepping aside with the hope of being widely used among the brethren in revivals, in supply work, and other ways in which he can serve.

The members of the Southern Baptist Press Association recently elected Dr. Gardner as President of that group and he will serve until next February.

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For Your Budget

Within the next few weeks many churches will be working on their budgets for the coming church year. May we suggest an item that should be in every budget? We refer to an item for the expense of the pastor's car. Most business houses either furnish their employees with a car that is used for business purposes or else they allow an expense account or a mileage agreement for the use of the employee's own car.

Many churches are now doing the same thing, but they are in the minority. May we suggest that every church in considering their coming budget, put in an item for the pastor's car expense.

Remember that when he is visiting sick people, attending funerals, and doing the other various visiting required in today's church organization, he is doing it for the church and not for himself.

It is simply fair that this item be put in the budget.

Another advantage is that when the pastor knows that he is not having to foot the bill himself, he will do more of it.



Our Readers Write

QUESTION

That there are needs, various needs, all agree; and they are too numerous to mention; but it is perfectly right to follow when the need advocated impresses one. If I had to select the crowning need of needs in today's church life I would say, unhesitatingly, "A BIBLE CONFERENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT." Since the Spirit can be grieved, resisted and quenched, I wonder if He feels, about modern, formal churches about as Christ felt when he said, "The foxes have holes, the birds have nests but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."

Do individual members of today's churches recognize the Holy Spirit as their leader? Christ said, "YOU KNOW HIM, for he dwells with you and shall be in you." The people KNEW Christ, and he said, "It is expedient for you that I go and the Spirit come."

It seems that something is wrong; when people were with Christ wonders were wrought; but church attendance today does not show signs of the Spirit: "SHOWING THE THINGS OF CHRIST" or, perhaps modern methods have produced something better? Would some miracle that the Spirit would inspire and work through some member impress young and old sufficiently to alter or change a modern service?

Let's find "THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT," in a Bible conference on "Pentecost." "Tarry." "You know Him." "The Spirit and the Church." "The Seal of the Spirit."

The church that SEARCHES THE SCRIPTURES finds the truth of these five subjects and translates them into living, will be changed from formality to Spiritual living.

EVANGELIST N. R. STONE,
3746 Northview Drive,
Jackson, Miss.

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SHE LIKES THE RECORD

Dear Editor:

I am sending my renewal for the Baptist Record. I belong to — church in Jasper County, but I like to read your paper and I read it and several other religious papers and also the Home Life magazine. Have been reading Open Window, so I don't care much about reading daily papers. I read the Sunday School lessons and the Bible. I am 74 years old so I want the best to read and I am glad the editor holds for the best things for this life and the life to come.

Yours truly,

MRS. R. I. WEDGEWORTH.

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Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: H. D. Gilmore; Sebastopol; Mrs. J. C. Heflin, Lake; Rev. and Mrs. James N. Chambers, Newton; Anne Austin, Clinton; Ella Beth Fann, Clinton; Dorothy Palmer, Clinton; Mrs. K. M. Hester, Jackson; Mrs. W. H. Hallman, Jackson; Rev. C. A. Webb, Bogalusa, Louisiana; Rev. Charles C. Magee, Oakland; Mrs. J. W. Eubanks, Ackerman; Mrs. W. E. Palmer, Ackerman; Rev. Guy C. Futral, Oxford; Mrs. Carroll Bardwell, Brookhaven; Mrs. Barney Porter, Brookhaven; Mrs. L. O. Carraway, Wesson; Mrs. J. R. Sandifer, Wesson; Rev. C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Mrs. E. H. Ashley, Hazlehurst; Thelma J. Litton, Hazlehurst; Rev. G. E. Guntharp, Booneville; Elvis Guntharp, Booneville; W. D. Horne, Charleston, South Carolina; James M. Sapp, Memphis, Tennessee; S. F. Marsh, Leland; Rev. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek; Rev. Len Turner, Vicksburg.

The Baptist Record is in receipt of a review copy of TEN NEW CHRISTMAS CAROLS, by Michael Stoner, published by T. V. Music Company, 1650 Broadway, New York, 19, New York. The price is \$1. The contents include: "Let Your Heart Be the Christ Child's Manger"; "Light Three Candles At Christmas"; "December Has A Day Of Glory"; "Let's Remember At Christmas"; "Three Wise Men Followed A Star"; "Let's Sing The Song The Angels Sang"; "There Was Glory In The Manger"; "Oh, Blessed Night When Christ Was Born"; "Sleep, Little Jesus, Sleep In Peace"; "God Bless Your Home At Christmas Time."

Organizers of tours who expect to visit Israel either before or after the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance next summer should write to Dr. R. L. Lindsey, Baptist House, P. O. Box 154, Jerusalem, Israel.

FRESNO, Calif. (BP) What has been a dream for California Southern Baptists for the past fourteen years is now becoming a reality. The "green light" has been given to start construction on the first cottage of California Baptist Children's Home. The new site for the home, named Sunny Crest, is located in Bakersfield. California Baptists began to collect money for the building of the home as soon as the convention was organized fourteen years ago.

Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers, Southern Baptist missionaries of the China staff, have the following new address: 515 E. Sessoms Avenue, Lake Wales, Fla. Mrs. Ayers is a native of Hattiesburg.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) Carver School of Missions and Social Work started the 1954-55 school year off with an enrolment of 102, three new faculty and staff members, and a newly acquired residence hall. New faculty and staff members are Robert J. Lehman, Louisville psychiatrist, John Allen Moore, missionary on furlough from Switzerland, and Miss Mary Lee Rankin, formerly student director at William and Mary College.

President Eisenhower's pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, has recently written AMERICA'S SPIRITUAL RECOVERY. In it he seeks to evaluate the present status of religion in America. His analysis of our shortcomings is devastating, but he believes we are entering "a period of spiritual recovery, an awakening based on the faith of our founding fathers." He writes, "In this expanding religious awakening, we are rediscovering that our origin, our instruments of government, and our institutions are dependent on faith. And this faith is indispensable in the fulfillment of our national destiny—Only by exalting Jesus Christ and really putting Him first in our lives shall we as a nation be able to maintain the cross above the sickle." Dr. Elson has for eight years been pastor of The National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. Order AMERICA'S SPIRITUAL RECOVERY (introduction by J. Edgar Hoover) from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher, Fleming H. Revell Company, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey, for \$2.50.

Southern Baptist work in the Northwest continues to be most heartening. It began in 1947 with 7 churches. As of July, this year, there were 92 churches, of which 81 have been started from the beginning since 1947. Five thousand have been added to the Sunday School rolls during the past 12 months, a gain of 50 per cent.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the author of the Baptist Sunday School Board's January (1955) Bible study book, STUDIES IN HEBREWS, which is a call to world missions and to personal soul-winning. Publication date of December 1 has been announced.

STOCKHOLM (BP)—Joel Sorenson, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will visit young Baptists in Asia during October. During the two-month period he will visit in Ceylon, India (Madras and Calcutta), Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan (Formosa), the Philippines, Thailand, and Burma. The tour, requested by youth leaders in Asia and approved by the Executive Committee of the BWA, is being financed by contributions from the young Baptists of Italy, Holland, Denmark, and the United States. Sorenson's trip will mark the first time a secretary of the BWA has visited Asian countries east of India.

Dr. William J. Fallis will represent the Baptist Sunday School Board at the coming sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Korea and the national Baptist convention are calling for 25 couples for as many strategic centers in South Korea. Recent letters from Nigeria tell of urgent needs for qualified leaders and trained nurses. Persistent and insistent calls for more missionaries are being received from virtually every Southern Baptist mission area overseas.

Mrs. Paul Cooper, in renewing the subscription of Chaplain Paul B. Cooper (formerly pastor in Mississippi), writes: "Paul, Mrs. Robert Kimbrough (my mother), and I look forward each week to the reading of your fine paper together."

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GCDRICH

Figures Prove Worth Of Baptist Record

At a recent association we took the time to check gifts to the churches and the number of subscriptions that each church had. We found some startling figures.

One church that had one subscriber averaged 6 cents per member for all mission gifts during the past year. The next church alphabetically that has the EVERY FAMILY Plan averaged \$3.51 per person. Farther down there was a church with one subscriber and no contributions to any mission cause while the next church on the list has the EVERY FAMILY Plan and averaged \$7.41. Another church that had no subscribers to the Baptist Record also had no contributions to any mission cause and another that had no subscribers averaged 24 cents per member to all mission causes while a nearby church that has the EVERY FAMILY Plan averaged \$2.75 per member.

The Baptist Record even helps when we consider pastors' salaries. We checked one church that had no Baptist Records. It paid little more than \$100 per year pastor's salary; another church that had only one subscriber paid less than \$200 pastor's salary; two other churches with one subscriber each paid a few dollars less than \$400 per year pastor's salary; and another that had no subscribers paid the pastor a little more than \$600; and another with only two subscribers pays a little more than \$700. All the above are country churches. Other country churches that have the Baptist Record pay such salaries as \$1400, \$1300, \$800, \$1850, \$950, \$2000 and \$1200.

Evidently it does pay to have the Baptist Record as a part of the church program.

Here Is More Proof

Recently we attended an association in which every church in the county, except one, has the Baptist Record as a part of its program. Most of our readers are familiar with our oft-repeated statement that "churches with the Baptist Record usually do better and more than those without it."

Every church in the above-mentioned association had contributed through the Cooperative Program except one.

You guessed it! It was the church that did not have the Baptist Record as a part of its program that had given nothing.

The Baptist Record does help.

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Rev. James L. Travis, pastor of Central Church, Brookhaven, is leaving Mississippi to go to Oklahoma. But before he left, in addition to the many other progressive steps that he led the church to take, he led them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record as a part of their program.

That means that from now on, 89 families in this good church are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Mississippi Club At Southwestern Elects



Shown above are the newly-elected officers of the Mississippi Club at Southwestern Seminary, which has a membership of 46.

Seated, left to right, Ann Simms of Laurel, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Hickson of Sandersville, secre-

tary; Dean Wright of Jackson, social chairman.

Standing from left to right, Peyton Moore of Meridian, publicity chairman; David Pratt of Pope, Chaplain; Bartis Harper of Gulfport, president.

Predicts 100 Million Church Members In 1956

By Religious News Service

NEW YORK—Church membership in the United States will top 100,000,000 in 1956, it was predicted by the Christian Herald, non-denominational monthly published here.

The magazine also foresaw that by 1959 the Southern Baptist Convention will be the largest Protestant denomination in the country.

(Editor's Note: Baptists (not Southern Baptists alone) are now the largest Protestant denomination in the United States.)

The latest copy of the Yearbook of American Churches shows a total of 17,980,614 Baptists in the United States and 11,641,822 Methodists. These totals include all kinds of Baptists and Methodists.

Counting only the major groups of both denominations, the Year-

Baptist Record readers in Lincoln County are now listed as follows:

CENTRAL 89, ARLINGTON 27, BETHEL 28, Big Springs 18, BOGUE CHITTO 65, BROOKHAVEN, 643, CALVARY 45, CLEAR BRANCH 20, FAIR RIVER 56, FRIENDSHIP 61, GUM GROVE 53, HEUCK'S RETREAT 51, HOLLY SPRINGS 25, LITTLE BAHALA 36, MACEDONIA 144, MISSION HILL 32, MONTGOMERY 56, MOAK'S CREEK 81, MT. MORIAH 64, MT. PLEASANT 51, MT. ZION 62, NEW PROSPECT 69, NEW SIGHT 62, PEARLHAVEN 130, PHILADELPHIA 34, PLEASANT GROVE 54, Pleasant Hill 2, RUTH 60, Tepisaw 1, UNION HALL 28, WELLMAN 76, SHADY GROVE 43, BROOKHAVEN, HAMILTON STREET 84,

book lists Methodists as totalling 11,470,150 and 16,671,553 Baptists.)

The publication said its forecasts were based on continued annual growth of the Churches at the combined rate of 3.09 per cent they have averaged during the past five years.

"America is more church conscious than ever before," it said. "The latest available figures confirm an unmistakable trend."

"The total church membership reported by 255 religious bodies for the 48 states and the District of Columbia in 1953 was 94,842,845. This was a net increase of 2,565,716 members or 4.1 per cent over 1952—well above the U. S. population increase of 1.7 per cent.

"Churches are more than holding their own in the face of population advances; they are cutting into the backlog of the unchurched. To win such a net gain, they actually had to win some 3,500,000 persons since they lose about one per cent of their members each year by death."

A projection of the average annual percentage gains of The Methodist Church, now the largest denomination, and the Southern Baptist Convention, The Christian Herald said, indicates that, if both bodies continue to grow at the same rate as in the past, the latter will have about 10,091,056 members, compared to some 9,801,411 Methodists, in 1959.

Average annual percentage gains for the two denominations in the five-year period have been 1.15 for the Methodists and 4.2 for the Southern Baptists.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR
Royal Ambassador Secretary—JOEL RAY

SPEAKER FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS



MISS LORENE TILFORD

Miss Tilford is home on furlough from Formosa, where she has served since 1951. Prior to that time she taught in the University of Shanghai and was the last Southern Baptist missionary to leave Shanghai before it fell to the Communists. She is a native Tennessean, having graduated at Tenn. College and the Training School in Louisville, Ky. She received her MA from Columbia University and was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1936. Miss Tilford does evangelistic work in Kaohsiung, Formosa. She will be the speaker in the meetings to be held at Cleveland, Collins, Louisville, and Prentiss.

BUSINESS WOMEN. A letter from Miss Virginia Wingo tells how your \$20.00 love gift was used. "Ten dollars was sent as a special gift to Mrs. Elvira Sacco. She is one of the finest, best trained Christian women we have in Italy. She is helping Grace tremendously this year with correspondence and with other matters. She does not get paid for this and we are glad to have personal gifts for her now and then. Then I sent \$10 to Wanda Pavoni, one of our graduates, who works with her husband at the Baptist Orphanage. Their salary is very small. This sum will buy something for their one room apartment or for their new baby son."

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS in our colleges! You will want to know where these fine students are located and also know their birthdays!

Blue Mountain College:
Marylu Moore — whose parents serve in Italy and her birthday is June 3.
Mary Jacob — whose parents served in China and her birthday is Sept. 18.
Mississippi College:
Elton Johnson, Jr. — birthday November 18.
Ernest Johnson — birthday May 7.
Both of these young men are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnson, who serve in Corrente, Brazil.

FILM — "Corrente" is a splendid color film portraying the work

in the interior of Brazil. It shows the school where the Elton Johnsons serve and also shows our one agricultural missionary and his work. This can be rented from the Baptist Book Store for \$5.00. It will be splendid preparation for the study of Brazil.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY has the following splendid Mississippi women students:

Kathryn Beardew, McComb — birthday June 8.
Inez Cantwell, Tylertown — birthday April 8.
Dorothy Jean Edwards — Slate Springs — birthday May 27.
Minnie Lee Hagwood, Meridian, birthday, October 8.
Betty Hodges, McAdams — birthday, October 20.
Onzelle Manning, Crystal Springs — birthday February 17.
Betty Pope, Brookhaven — birthday, March 9.
Betty Ruth Smith, Picayune — birthday, November 13.
Joan Stockstill, Hattiesburg, — birthday, May 2.
Dorothy Jean Strong, Jackson — birthday January 20.
Winnie Ruth Vaughan, Ellisville — birthday, May 13.
Dora Frances Weeks, Mathiston — birthday, January 15.

ATTENTION DISTRICT 7

The Collins WMS asks that we notify those attending the District meeting in Collins on November 3 NOT to bring sandwiches—they are planning to serve lunch to all of those attending.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

School	Enrlmt.	Offg.
Centerfield (Bolivar)	65	
White Sand (Jeff Davis)	141	
Fannin	36	9.89
Beulah Mem. (Hinds)	74	9.07
Lexie (Walthall)	89	6.51
Oak Grove (Smith)	127	12.10
State Line (Wayne)	84	27.50
Union Church	75	11.00
Pinckney (Newton)	47	14.00
Johns (Rankin)	63	19.31
Pleasant Ridge (Oktibbeha)	42	17.00
Carson Ridge (Attala)	61	3.00
Pine Grove (Simpson)	70	9.50
Evergreen (Wayne)	106	13.00
Center Ridge (Clarke)	66	6.92
East Booneville	159	38.00
East Prentiss (Prentiss)	65	3.20
Wheeler (Prentiss)	65	
Derby (Pearl River)	36	
Harmony Pearl River	94	25.00
McNeill	110	21.13
White Sand (Pearl R.)	57	10.62

Westside, Macon To Hold Homecoming Day, Revival

Homecoming Day will be observed at Westside Church, Macon, on Sunday, October 24.

The following week, October 24-31, the church will hold revival services.

The pastor, Rev. E. C. Parr, will do the preaching.

Evening services will begin at 7:00 p. m. Radio services will be held each morning during the week at 9:30 a. m.

N. O. Seminary Is "One Of Ten Best"

NEW ORLEANS, La. (BP) Want a good clean place to eat? Then go to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's cafeteria. The cafeteria is now "one of ten best" in the nation so says Institutions magazine.

The Seminary cafeteria was given an award for the "highest standards of sanitation, superior efficiency in storing, handling, preparing and serving food." This was in connection with a national food service contest conducted annually by the magazine. The Seminary competed with the best hotels, hospitals, restaurants, industrial plants, schools, and colleges from the United States and Canada in winning the award.

Judging in the contest was done by leading authorities from the various segments of the mass feeding field.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
50 YEARS AGO

President W. T. Lowrey of Mississippi College announces: "342 enrolled."

40 YEARS AGO

Dr. A. T. Robertson of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., says, "Given an open Bible, an open mind, and a conscience in good working order, and we will have a Baptist."

25 YEARS AGO

The Carthage Church had a formal opening of the new church house on a recent Sunday, Rev. C. T. Johnson was the pastor.

"Eighteen were added to the church and everybody felt helped" as a result of a revival in the Clara Baptist Church in which Pastor John Thompson was assisted by State Evangelists Bryan Simmons and Atley J. Cooper.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 17, 1954

Edwards	110	55
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1008	472
Clarksdale	419	182
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	184	107
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	503	138
Meridian, 41st Ave.	409	143
Laurel, First	588	202
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	652	302
Jackson, West	289	158
Pearl (Rankin)	183	139
Jackson, Crestwood	615	440
Jackson, Van Winkle	519	312
Jackson, Highland	104	50
White Rock Mission	12	
Jackson, South Side	411	203
Elraine	128	115
Byram (Hinds)	222	153
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	162	107
Flowood	123	93
Gulfport, New Hope	167	
Jackson, Calvary	1581	536
Main Church	1517	498
Mission	64	38
Biloxi, East Howard	153	93
Jackson, Broadmoor	472	163
Steen's Creek	168	57
Springfield (Scott)	141	87
Clinton	737	466
Cleveland, Immanuel	145	112
Lambert, First	138	96
Pascagoula, First	891	352
Main School	696	235
Jackson Ave. Chapel	92	38
McArthur Chapel	40	23
Orange Grove Chapel	63	56
Beulah (Brownsville)	113	109
Nola	84	57
Kreole, First	108	54
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	68	60
Niland Chapel ((Bolivar)	59	48
Wayside ((Yalobusha)	56	
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	81	68
Clarksdale, Riverside	265	137
Richland (Rankin)	180	82
Jackson, Van Winkle Mission	67	68
Jackson, North Side	545	227
Laurel, Harmony	193	91
Grenada	774	189
Gulfport, Calvary	83	48
Fulport, First	952	369
Biloxi, Trinity	187	83
Bay View Mission	23	
Brookhaven, Central	104	69
Fair River (Lincoln)	132	87
New Sight (Lincoln)	145	85
Crystal Springs, First	728	218
Friendship (Lincoln)	145	112
Concord (Franklin)	89	77
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	178	72
Greenwood, Calvary	432	202
Columbus, East End	309	132
Eupora, First	251	107
Hattiesburg, Temple	586	204
Darling	83	57
Yazoo City, First	638	253
Laurel, Highland	190	110
Petal-Harvey	386	180

Baptists in Israel still do not enjoy full religious freedom. The Ministry of Religion has persistently refused to allow the Nazareth pastor to perform wedding ceremonies, and there is no such thing as a civil ceremony in Israel.

Main School	369	
Harvey	17	
McComb, East	546	249
Brookhaven, First	875	345
Main	755	260
Southway	64	49
Halbert Heights	56	36
Columbia, First	682	285
Main	611	213
South Columbia Mission	71	72
Picayune, First	623	211
Long Beach, First	212	75
Long Beach, First	625	201
Concord (Choctaw)	112	106
Bethlehem (Jones)	154	135
New Albany, First	662	182
Mission	58	
Hernando	159	76
Ripley	351	113
Stonewall	207	140
Crooked Creek (Lawrence)	70	112
Newton, First	477	258
Canton, Center Terrace	295	165
Longview (Oktibbeha)	117	79
Purvis, First	216	80
Mission	15	
Taylorville	143	96
Meridian, Oakland Heights	310	129
Morton (Scott)	283	141
Main	270	
Mission	13	
Goss	135	77
Soso, First	170	99
McComb, Friendship	195	93
Union, First	384	137
Calvary (Pike)	78	72
McComb, Locust St.	102	74
Pelahatchie	171	96
Crowder	179	111
Marks, First	232	77
Spanish Fort	50	53
Ruleville	283	132
Columbus, Calvary	229	94
Columbus, Southside	141	94
West Point, First	627	315
Houston, First	311	158
Meridian, South Side	466	200
Sumrall	146	54
Laurel, Second Ave.	451	150
Hardy (Grenada)	97	127
Aberdeen, First	429	128
Friendship (Jackson)	84	76
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	219	89
Corinth, Tate St.	292	114
Tupelo, Harrisburg	590	234
Columbia, East	144	88
Glenfield (Union)	86	92
West Point, Calvary	278	180
Oxford, North	189	111
Lucedale	339	178
Kosciusko, First	783	270
Main School	759	
Maple Mission	24	
Olive Branch	134	76
Grenada, Emmanuel	288	100
Main School	260	
Futheyville Chapel	28	

October 10, 1954

Long Beach, First	241	92
Corinth, Tate St.	328	105
Hernando	163	81
Charleston, First	371	144
Columbus, First	1020	373
Columbus, Calvary	217	105
Natchez, Immanuel	300	194
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	179	81
Biloxi, East Howard	150	73
Macedonia (Lincoln)	227	119

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FROM THE TOMBIGBEE TO THE YAZOO

Troy Prince, Joel Ray and the Brotherhood Secretary have just completed the second week of the Brotherhood Clinics. We worked our way across from Columbus on the Tombigbee River to Yazoo City on the Yazoo River, making stops at Calhoun City and Kosciusko. One would have to go all the way to the Nile and Euphrates Valley to find land that would equal what we saw on this trip. From the black prairie soil in and around Columbus and across the clay hills and on into the rich fertile delta valley at Yazoo City is something to behold.

Across this vast area we found some of God's truly great people. Baptist people across this vast area constitutes some of our choicest. We were in or came in contact with people from churches that stand at the top in the matter of mission giving for the work of our Lord.

Not only has Brotherhood work a strong foot hold in this area, but so does every other organization

that we have as Baptists. It seems that there is a denominational loyalty in this area that is hard to find in any other place and surely cannot be surpassed anywhere.

It was to be noted everywhere we went that Brotherhoods have enthusiastically accepted the challenge of sponsoring Royal Ambassadors. Joel Ray, our splendid RA Secretary, is overjoyed with what he has seen and heard on this tour.

Troy Prince, one of our noble pastors, is a real trouper. He did a good job in substituting for one of our southside secretaries in discussing "Brotherhood Fundamentals". He is convinced as everyone else who has given the matter serious thought, that the only way for us to promote Royal Ambassadors is to have Brotherhoods. If a church does not have a Brotherhood may we begin to make plans now to see that every church has a Brotherhood.

October 25 — First, Hattiesburg.
October 26 — First, Biloxi.
October 28 — First, Columbia.
October 29 — East, McComb.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Lee P. Roberts, Florence; Rev. Virgil McBride, Clinton; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, Kreole; Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Walker, Goss; Paul M. Smith, Ruston, Louisiana; Rev. Clark W. McMurray, Philadelphia; Rev. J. A. Bryant, Tallulah, Louisiana.

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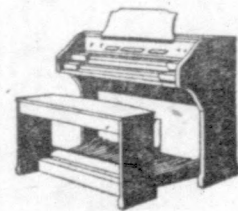


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199 Mississippi Students At New Orleans Seminary

One hundred ninety-nine students from Mississippi helped to establish a record enrollment for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary beginning its thirty-seventh session. The delegation from Mississippi is the largest.

Seven hundred fifty-nine students were enrolled by the end of the second week of the new session. This number is 15 per cent greater than at the same time last year, and the enrollment is expected to reach one thousand by the end of the session.

Students from Mississippi are as follows:

John Alexander, Brookhaven; Geo. G. Altman, Hattiesburg; Wade Allen, Morton; Mrs. Wade Allen, Biloxi; Roland B. Barber, Chunkey; Hiram E. Barefoot, New Hebron; Kathryn Bearden, McComb; Hal D. Bennett, Vardaman; Jerry Breazeale, Brandon; James P. Brewer, Brookhaven; J. W. Brister, Terry; Paul Ernest Brown, Sledge; Richard Edwin Buckley, Jackson; Thomas W. Buford, Osyka; Dalton Robert Burch, Jr., McComb; Coby Edward Byrne, Jr., Brookhaven; Sophia Inez Cantwell, Tylertown; Holmes Houston Carlisle, Bogue Chitto; William Luther Carlisle, Wesson; Charles Murray, McComb; James T. Chapman, Jackson; James A. Clarke, Pascagoula; Albert Lawrence Clegg, Ellisville; Sam W. Cochran, Waynesboro; John L. Cook, Jr., Meridian; Joe M. Cooper, Oakland; Reggie Aaron Coulter, Jr., Prentiss; Mel C. Craft, Jayess; George Kenneth Crosby, Sontag; Wilburn Marion Davis, Black Hawk; Purser Smith Davis, Hazlehurst; William Clyde Day, Tupelo; William Tucker Dixon, Jr., Vaughan; Mrs. William Dixon, Jr., Vaughan; William Monroe Dorris, Columbus; J. W. Dubose, Kreole; Mrs. J. W. Dubose, Kreole; James T. Dunnam, Leakesville; Dorothy Jean Edwards, Spring; Benton E. Evans, Hazlehurst; John W. Flowers, McComb; Maurice E. Flowers, Jr., Terry; Mrs. Maurice Flowers, Terry; James Adelbert Fortinberry, Batesville; John M. Foy, Soso; Robert H. Foy, Grenada; Mrs. Robert H. Foy, Grenada; Roy James Fullilove, New Albany; Lee Gallman, Jackson; Claude C. Galloway, Walthall; Johnnie N. Gipson, Jackson; Ernest L. Goff, Wade; W. E. Greene, III, Loven; Jerry Ray Grissett, Hattiesburg; Thomas Pelham Gross, Carthage; Mrs. T. Pelham Gross, Carthage; Richard Leon Gwyn, Summerland; Minnie Lee Hagwood, Meridian; Darwin K. Hall, Kosciusko; Paul G. Hancock, Myrtle; Cecil Harper, Hattiesburg; Jimmie Jack Hartfield, Hattiesburg; Harold Merritt Hilburn, Soso; Francis Marion Hill, Carriere; Mrs. Francis Hill, Carriere; John Prentice Hill, Benton; Betty C. Hodges, McAdams; Daniel H. Holcomb, Hattiesburg; George W. Horn, Prentiss; Jack D. House, Jackson; Fred David Howard, Fulton; Pad David Howard, Fulton; Claude L., Jr. Howe, Sand Hill; Carl A. Hudson, McCall Creek; Mrs. Dorothea Hudson, McCall Creek; Robert Lane Hughes, McComb; W. J. Hughes, Pascagoula; Alfred Cook Hurst,

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Durell Makamson, Greenwood; Mrs. Durell Makamson, Greenwood; Leo Wayburn Mangum, Seminary; Carolyn Onzelle Manning, Crystal Springs; Charles Robert Marsh, Jackson; Billy Ray Mathis, Beaumont; Wilburn Matthews, Magee; Lynn E. May, Jr., Martinsville; Mrs. Alta Green May, Martinsville; Dewel Elwyn Merritt, Charleston; John Wesley Merritt, Hattiesburg; P. B. Mison, Madden; Thomas A. Moak, Jr., Bogue Chitto; Richard Elmer Nielson, Hattiesburg; Paul E. Padgett, Picayune; James Melvin Pilgrim, Jr., Laurel; Betty Frances Pope, Brookhaven; Robert Hugh Posey, Neshoba; Jesse Eugene Price, Summit; Nelson L. Price, Osyka; Roy D. Raddin, Sanford; Lester James Rasberry, Collinsville; Joseph William Ratcliff, Poplarville; Roy J. Remont, Gallman; Mrs. Roy J. Remont, Gallman; Johnnie C. Renfro, Pelahatchie; Olyn Floyd Roberts, Louisville; Fred E. Robertson, Summerland; Jerry W. Robinson, Jr., Liberty; Arthur D. Rockett, Tylertown; Fred S. Roth, Mississippi City; Joseph Ernest Santo, Pascagoula; Milton Edwin Scott, New Hebron; H. Gordon Shamburger, McComb; Bobby Eugene Simmons, Clarksdale; Melvin Thomas Sims, Jr., Ocean Springs; Emerson Jerrold Slonaker, Jackson; Joseph Lafferty Small, Hattiesburg; Betty Ruth Smith, Picayune; Ernest Roy Stockstill, Picayune; Eugene Hun-



ter Stockstill, Hattiesburg; Joan Stockstill, Hattiesburg; Reginald Stokes, Neshoba; Mrs. Reginald Stokes, Neshoba; Dorothy Jean Strong, Jackson; Charles LaPrade Stubblefield, New Albany; Thomas Daniel Sumrall, McComb; Richard John Sweetman, Crystal Springs; Noxie Jones Taylor, Wiggins; Julius Carther Thompson, Morton; Donald R. Toomey, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Donald Toomey, Baldwin; Robert Fulton Tucker, Jackson; Charles M. Tyler, Carthage; Jamie Warren Tynes, Poplarville; George Van Egmond, Moss Point; Winnie Ruth Vaughan, Ellisville; Damon Vernon Vaughan, Clinton; Albert T. Walker, Petal; Audes Ray Walters, Peoria; Mrs. Audes Ray Walters, Peoria; John Eugene Watts, Columbia; Dora Frances Weeks, Mathison; John Freeman Wells, Cleveland; Mrs. John Freeman Wells, Cleveland; William H. Wilkinson, Crosby; Charles Raiford Williams, Bolton; Dewie E. Williams, Hopewell; Mrs. Dewie E. Williams, Hopewell; Herman F. Williams, Biloxi; James F. Williams, Pascagoula; Paul B. Williams, Soso; William L. Yeatman, Hattiesburg; Clarence E. Young, Bogue Chitto; Leon Barnett Young, Walnut Grove.



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An Eleventh Hour STATEMENT



Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts through September totaled \$1,220,886.68, a marvelous record, we feel, showing a gain of 13.27% over the same period a year ago.

Receipts through Oct. 18 have totaled \$82,985.17, making a grand total for the year thus far of \$1,303,871.85.

That means that \$96,128.15 will be necessary to complete the capital needs budget for our Institutions and \$196,128.15 would be required to reach our \$1,500,000 goal for this year.

Contributions thus far, as indicated above, have been good thus far but the full cooperation of every individual and every church will be necessary to raise even the \$96,128.15 for the Capital Needs budget.

Our Institutions are in dire need of these capital needs funds. We have an opportunity now to do something worthy for them through the Cooperative Program, our Convention approved Plan of supporting all of our causes. We cannot fail them now.

CHESTER L. QUARLES.

A Catechism Of Bible Teaching

By DR. JOHN A. BROADUS
LESSON X. JUSTIFICATION AND
SANCTIFICATION

1. What is meant in the Bible by justification? God justifies a sinner in treating him as just, for Christ's sake.

2. Can any person be justified by his own works? By works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Roman. 3:20.

3. How are we justified by faith? Believing in Christ our Saviour, we ask and receive justification for his sake alone. Rom 3:24; 5:1.

4. Has this faith that justifies any connection with our works? The faith that justifies will be sure to produce good works. Gal. 5:6; James 2:17.

5. What is meant by sanctification? To sanctify is to make holy in heart and life.

6. What connection is there between sanctification and regeneration? The new birth is the beginning of a new and holy life.

7. Is justification complete at once? Yes, the moment a sinner really believes in Christ he is completely justified.

8. Is sanctification complete at once? No, sanctification is gradual and ought to go on increasing to the end of the earthly life. Phil. 3:13, 14.

9. Is it certain that a true believer in Christ will be finally saved? Yes, God will preserve a true believer in Christ to the end. John 10:28; Phil. 1:6.

10. What is the sure proof of being a true believer? The only sure proof of being a true believer is growing in holiness and in usefulness, even to the end. 2 Pet. 1:10.

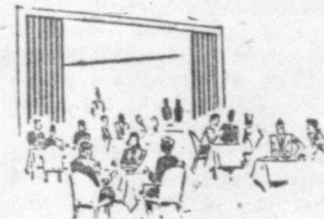
11. To what will justification and sanctification lead at last? Justification and sanctification will lead at last to glorification in heaven. Rom. 5:2; 8:30; Matt. 25:21.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS

(a) How can it be right for God to treat a believing sinner as just, when he has only begun a holy life? God treats a believing sinner as just for Christ's sake, and God will be sure to make him completely holy in the end. Rom. 3:26.

(b) Does faith in Christ procure justification by deserving it? No, faith does not deserve justification.

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MRS. SAMMIE MEEK

Mrs. Sammie Meek, an Approved Nursery, Beginner and Primary worker for the state of Tennessee, will be present at our first State-wide Nursery, Beginner and Primary Leadership Clinic which is to be held on November 8 at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson.

Mrs. Meek is but one of many well qualified workers who will be present to instruct and inspire the Nursery, Beginner and Primary workers from all over the state who will be assembling at Calvary Church on this day.

The sessions will last only from 10 in the morning until 4:30 in the evening to give anyone ample opportunity to arrive in Jackson and to go back home on the same day.

Conferences have been planned by departments and a program arranged which will prove greatly beneficial to all who are able to come.

A special conference has been planned for pastors, educational directors, and general officers of the Training Union. This conference will be led by Miss LaVerne Ashby, who is the Primary worker for the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Gulf Coast Simultaneous Training Union Enlargement Campaign.

During the week of September 19-24, 23 churches of the Gulf Coast Association engaged in a Simultaneous Enlargement Campaign which involved around 40 workers from outside the association along with numerous people from the churches who led in the work for the week.

Bay St. Louis—The attendance on the opening Sunday was 59 and on the following Sunday 102 with a good attendance having been maintained since that time according to Rev. Schuyler Batson, the pastor.

Bay Terrace — This mission of First Baptist Church, Biloxi with

a resident church membership of 28 had an attendance in Training Union on the second Sunday of the campaign of 28.

Big Ridge — Attendance during the week steadily climbed from 31 on Sunday to 57 on Thursday evening.

Biloxi, First. — Twenty-seven new workers were secured during the week to man 3 new unions and 7 new departments which were organized during the week.

Broadmoor. — A steady increase in attendance during the week was recorded reaching a high attendance of 62 on Thursday night.

Calvary — The goal of 75 set for the second Sunday of the campaign was exceeded when 79 people were counted in Training Union on the second Sunday as compared to 38 on the first Sunday.

Emmanuel — This pastorless church enrolled 53 during the week and organized one new union and one new department.

Grace Memorial — Reporting 71 enrolled in Training Union, Grace Memorial enrolled 74 people in the classes during the week. On the opening Sunday there was an attendance of 35 and on the closing Sunday an attendance of 86.

Gulf Gardens — This mission began the campaign without a Training Union. Miss Louise Hill of Jackson organized the Training Union during the week with 4 unions, 3 departments and enlisted 12 workers.

Gulfport, First — This church exceeded its goal of 401 for the second Sunday by 1 person.

Gulfport Heights — This church with 26 enrolled in Training Union did not report less than 33 in attendance during the first four nights of the campaign.

Handsboro — Along with organizing 3 new unions, 7 new departments and securing 26 workers during the week, the attendance jumped from the first Sunday with 104 to the second Sunday with 171.

Long Beach — The workers at Long Beach were able to organize 1 new union and 4 new departments while securing 12 additional workers.

Lyman — The average attendance in the classes during the week was equivalent to the Training Union enrolment of the church with 5 more people present on the second Sunday night than were enrolled in Training Union at the beginning of the campaign.

Mississippi City — This new church with a resident membership of 83 and a Training Union enrolment of 60 enrolled 59 during the week and had 59 present on the second Sunday of the campaign.

New Hope — Enrolment in the classes exceeded the Training Union enrolment for the church. Attendance on the first Sunday was 57 and on the second Sunday 94.

A summary of Pass Roads, Perkinston, Sharon, Trinity, West Gulfport and Woolmarket will appear in next week's column.



BETTY JANE HUNT

Betty Jane Hunt, Birmingham, recently began her work as Church Secretary of the First Church, Grenada, Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor.

Miss Hunt, graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, where she received her B. A. Degree, and of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, where she received her Master of Religious Education Degree, has also served as Youth Director of Trinity Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Hunt will also direct the Youth Activities program of the church, serving as chairman of the Youth Council.

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Walley Goes To Mobile

Rev. Gene Walley, has resigned at Palmer Church to accept the pastorate of West Highland Church, Mobile, Ala.

While at Palmer, the church went from half-time to full time services, and a four-star program was installed. There were 37 additions to the church. Mr. Walley was also Tippah County Training Union Director, with seven new Training Unions being organized, bringing the total for Tippah County to 20.

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Matthews Church Ordains Minister And Deacon

Matthews Church, Lafayette County, ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry Rev. Stanley Campbell, who has been called as pastor of the church.

A. L. Frazier was ordained to the work of Deacon at the same time.

Dr. James E. Sutherland, pastor, First Church, Oxford, preached the sermon. Rev. E. A. Young, pastor Yellow Leaf Church, gave the charge to the church. Rev. John B. Laney, Lafayette Association Missionary, gave the charge to the candidates. Rev. J. D. Caples, pastor New Prospect Church, presented the Bible, a gift of Matthews church. Rev. W. W. Clark, pastor of Tula and Shiloh churches, led the prayer.

Other deacons taking part in the series were Ernest Dalton from New Prospect Church, P. D. Buchanan and Calvin Cain of Matthews Church.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell is a student at The University of Mississippi, has recently received his discharge from the Navy, is married and the father of two children.

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HELP THE NEW WORKERS

At the beginning of each new year there are many new workers in our schools. Some of them are not necessarily new, but they are in positions that are new to them.

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That is what training is for—to help people know how and what to do. That is where the clinics come for the workers—to help them to understand better what and how to do.

So, Brother Superintendent, if you have not had any such means yet to help your workers for this new year, do so soon. It will raise the general efficiency of your work because better trained workers can do better work.

Write for the free leaflets giving the duties of the officers. It will help you train them for a greater year's work.

RIPLEY GROWS

The growth of so many schools during the year just closed has been very encouraging. Many such reports have come to us, and one of them is the Ripley school, Bill Dunlop, superintendent.

The enrolment last October was 433, and this October it is 535, a gain of 102. A mission has also been started with an enrolment of 25.

The Adults have increased from 80 to 112. The combined enrolment of the Nursery and Beginner has increased from 48 to 68 in the year.

All this has come largely from additional classes and departments and an improved system of grading.

SOUTH SIDE, MERIDIAN

The Training School of South Side Church, Meridian, held its first annual banquet October 1, 1954 in recognition of the year's work in the church's first continuous Training program.

A total of 630 awards, 50 Worker's Diplomas and 8 Advanced Diplomas were earned during the Sunday School year. Miss Ruby Cox, associate superintendent, in charge of Training, presented the diplomas and recognized the work of all who had so faithfully contributed to the success of the Training program.

Rev. W. E. Speed, pastor, offered thanks and Louie Godwin, Superintendent of the Sunday School was the clever toastmaster. Paul Boothe of the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Board, Jackson, was the guest speaker and brought a challenging message on the work of the school, the training classes and the church.

The tables at which the 126 guests were seated, were attractively decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. A tempting chicken menu of several courses was served.

The continuous Training program begun by Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor, in October 1953 and continued by Rev. W. E. Speed who succeeded Rev. Mason in June 1954, has filled a definite need and become a definite ministry in the South Side Church.

LET'S PLAY FAIR

There have been a few instances where optional credits have been offered for either the department administration book or the department teaching book, in the same study class.

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MISS ODOM REV. PARKER MRS. ROUSE MR. LOWREY

Pictured above are Miss Barbara Odom, Director of the Nursing School of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson; Rev. John A. Parker, Mississippi missionary to Chile, now on furlough; Mrs. I. E. Rouse, wife of the President and Dean of Women for William Carey College, and Mr. Leonard Lowrey, Managing Editor of the Hattiesburg American, who are among those to appear on the program of the State BSU Convention in First Church, Hattiesburg, December 3-5.

Miss Odom is a graduate of Toure Infirmary School of Nursing, New Orleans, and has the B. S. in Nursing Education from L. S. U. She was formerly Head Nurse for Toure Infirmary. Miss Odom will lead the seminar for prospective nurses.

Rev. Parker is a graduate of Ole Miss and Southern Seminary and since 1950 has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Santiago, Chile. He will lead the seminar for prospective missionaries.

Mrs. Rouse is Chairman of District VII of the W. M. U. of Mississippi and is much in demand as a youth speaker, having appeared at many B. S. U. banquets, retreats and at Ridgecrest. She is to lead the conference on "Love and Courtship."

Mr. Lowrey is a graduate of Mississippi Southern and has been connected with the Hattiesburg American since 1938. His father, Dr. R. G. Lowrey, is a member of the faculty of Mississippi Southern and former dean and registrar of Blue Mountain College. Mr. Lowrey will lead the seminar for prospective journalists.

MISCELLANEA

Three were converted and three joined the Summit Church from Southwest Junior last month.

An average of 69 Clarke students are attending the Newton Church Sunday School each Sunday.

Eighteen have joined the MSCW BSU Choir.

Ten Sunflower Junior students, one on profession of faith, joined the Moorhead Church last month. Miss Estelle Slater is to teach methods book October 21.

Fifteen Co-Lin students joined the Wesson Church last month; five have joined the church choir.

At Mississippi College, a time of private devotions and prayer mates is being held from 6:00 to 7:30 p. m. in the Old Chapel. Only quiet recorded music is used.

Thirty unsaved students reported from Delta State where possibilities of a Student Center seem brighter.

From Blue Mountain, 123 recently joined the local church.

First Church, Columbus, has received 130 MSCW students, 195 are enrolled in Sunday School, 154 recently attended Training Union, 85 is average in Noonday, 65 attended the methods study course led by Bill Cody recently.

There are at least 1337 Baptists at Mississippi Southern. Jack Hunt is the new BSU President, succeeding Don Stewart who has transferred to William Carey. Plans are underway for the organization of a Brotherhood which will be known as the B.M.O.C. (Baptist Men on Campus).

"Around eighty" attended Mississippi State's opening party. Hospitality Day was held September 26th when local families invited students to their homes for the noon meal, twenty attended methods study course led by Bill Cody, 73 students have joined a local church, one by baptism.

One was converted, one joined the Goodman Church from Holmes Junior during September.

Every Council member and every adult counselor was present for Ole Miss' Pre-School Retreat. Sunday night Fellowships are averaging about 70, about 70 have joined the Oxford Church, Youth Week with many students participating was held October 10-17.

Dr. John E. Barnes was speaker at Jones Junior's Pre-School Retreat, 125 attended opening social, 388 Baptists representing 36 of the 43 churches in Jones Association are enrolled.

East Central's Spirit of BSU, Blue Mountain's Mountaintop Messenger, Jones Junior's The Key are all attractive BSU papers recently received.

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Tate County Association Has Good Meeting

Tate County Association held its 34th annual meeting Oct. 14th with the Flag Lake Church near Senatobia. All the churches submitted good reports and plans were made for the simultaneous revival in 1955 with Rev. T. F. Grubbs of Evansville as chairman.

The work of the Convention Board and the Baptist Record were ably represented by Dr. John W. Landrum of Grenada and Dr. Clyde Martin of Senatobia preached the associational sermon.

For the 12th year Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia was elected moderator. Other officers chosen include Rev. Billy R. Green of Independence, clerk and treasurer; Dr. Clyde Martin of Senatobia, vice-moderator; and Rev. Robert O. Odenwald of Coldwater, Tate County member of the Convention Board to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. F. V. McFatrige.

The next meeting will be held with the Wyatt Church of which Rev. M. O. Huffstatter is pastor.

GRANT CLARK ACCEPTS RIPLEY PASTORATE



REV. GRANT CLARK

Rev. Grant Clark has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Ripley.

Mr. Clark comes from First Church, Hernando, where he has served as pastor for the past five years.

During his pastorate at Hernando there has been approximately 200 added to the membership 100 for baptism. The church has added a \$26,000 educational building and has been air-conditioned throughout. The Sunday School and Training Union enrolment have shown a marked increase in enrolment and attendance and a Brotherhood and two new W.M.U. Circles have been organized.

Mr. Clark attended Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, Louisiana and New Orleans Seminary. He was formerly pastor at Calvary Church in Monroe, Louisiana.

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PORTAGE, Pa. (RNS) A citizens' group which complained about a Sunday traffic jam in this coal mining town was rebuffed by the Borough Council.

The Council said the pileup of cars was fine and it wouldn't mind if the congestion got worse. The jam centers in an area that has three churches.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

LOOK AT THE ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZATION EFFECTIVE NOW

The new associational pamphlet is ready for distribution and may be secured upon request from the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson. This new set-up for the association became effective October 1st, 1954 and the officers are listed below and is entitled Associational Music Education Committee.

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Missionary and-or Moderator.
Director of Instrumental Activities.
Director of Training.
Director of Congregational Activities.
Director of Graded Choir Activities.
Director of Publicity and Promotion.

The Music Department requests a list of all associational officers as soon as the director is elected by the regular association. We want you on the mailing list. All

associational officers are entitled to receive the Associational Church Music Bulletin free. Make your request through the Music Office.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE CONTINUED

The new standard of excellence for a Baptist Church Music Department is available upon request from the Music Department. The second division of the standard is listed below.

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 - (1) Music Education Council.
 - (2) Church Choir Members.
2. The Music Education Council shall hold regular monthly meetings.
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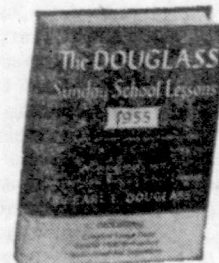
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GUIDANCE FOR FAMILY LIVING

Bible Texts: Proverbs 4:6; 20:7;
I. THE FATHER AND SON IDEA.

This idea runs all the way through the Bible. The nation of Israel knew God as a father and God called Israel His son. "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." Hosea 11:1. The idea runs through the Old Testament all the way—God the Father, the nation of Israel the son.

When we enter the New Testament, it is nothing different but decidedly more so. We are taught by our Lord to address God as our heavenly Father, and are told by Him that our "Father knows what we have need of before we ask Him. Our brother John, especially in his first epistle, loves to assure himself and us that we are the children of God. These are spiritual relationships. Spiritual bonds make the strongest ties that bind men and women together anywhere.

II. THE JEWISH IDEA OF THE FAMILY.

Our lesson text for today is a plea to the younger generation to accept the ancestral wisdom of the older generation. It is Jewish to the core. In Israel the family is accounted as of supreme importance as the central social unit. The undisputed head of the family is the father, and from the forehead of any family the family took its name and very largely its nature. The children were not like the father accidentally, they became like the father on set purpose. Each family consciously imitated and emulated the virtues of the father, and the clan or tribe that grew up in the tradition of the father took pride in keeping alive the memory of the first father of the tribe, and as the children of succeeding generations grew in number and spread abroad, they yet looked to the patriarch of the family as their father.

The Jews were extremely solicitous for the welfare of the family, so that they resorted to extreme measures and recourses sometime to prevent the last male descendant of any given man from dying without leaving a living son. This passion for the survival of the male line of any Israelite gave rise to the strange custom of requiring of any younger brother of an older one who had died childless to take to wife the widow of his dead brother that thereby the widow might bear children; but when children were so borne, they were not regarded as the children of the younger brother, but of the brother who had died childless. This was an effort made to keep the name and line of the first born son alive.

The same care for the perpetuity of the family, as the desire for that perpetuity came from the heart of God Himself, led to the sacred and unbreakable ties which bound the parties to a marriage contract together. God took the

first wife from the bosom of her husband-to-be and formed the woman bone of man's bone, flesh of man's flesh. And He said, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother and cleave unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." The Bible rings with an oft-repeated, solemn warning that the man who severs those whom God has joined shall not go scathless from the commission of that heinous deed.

III. THE POSITION OF THE FATHER.

From end to end of the Bible there is no exception to the rule under which God demands of the husband and, after the death of the husband, the eldest son, shall be the titular head of the house. One man must rule the family how big soever it may grow. It may grow until it numbers its means by the thousands, but they all are still under the authority of the head of the household.

This position, of course, loaded the patriarch, the father, with tremendous responsibilities. He is priest of the household, directing the worship of the family. And when after many years the family has outgrown one or many houses or homeplaces, and has built cities here and there as the dwelling places of one or another group of the children of the common father, the reigning head of the family, being present or from afar, directs the feast, the sacrifices and all other activities connected with any public festivals religious or social.

IV. THE COUNSEL OF THE AGED

Of course you would expect the words of the aged sages to carry a great deal of weight in a patriarchal society such as that of the Jews of long ago. There were many reasons for this. There were few or no books; all learning was handed down by word of mouth from sire to son to be passed down to the succeeding generations.

Nor do we well to despise the garnered wisdom of which these old men were the repositories. They were God's nursing fathers to the race, and are, and were unto the generation that scoffs at the offered advice of its elders!

This country is but the home of upstart youngsters yet, but it is old enough at that to have developed a store of wisdom, borrowed and original, that its youth would do well to heed. A generation or two ago, and pioneers filled our cities and our countryside. Those old pioneers struck many a blow with their axes, both mental and material, that did not fell a big tree at once; but those old pioneers kept chopping away until many a giant of the forest lay along the earth as a result of the hard work done by those old pioneers. All honor to them! Hats off to them, ye brash and bumptious youngsters! Those old hard-handed backwoodsmen, armed each one with an ax, a rifle, and a Bible, lifted up their axes upon the big trees and did a gigantic job of clearing the forests of monsters of one kind and another.

V. THE PLACE OF DISCIPLINE IN THE PLAN OF LIFE.

"The reproofs of instruction are the ways of life." The Revised Standard Version has it, "The reproofs of discipline are the ways of life." Let us face the fact that

JOINS GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY STAFF



REV. HARRY KOONTZ

Rev. Harry Koontz, who finished his studies for the Master of Religious Education degree at Golden Gate this summer, has been added to the staff as Director of Publicity and Student Services.

A native of West Virginia, Mr. Koontz earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bonebrake Theological Seminary in Ohio and served nine years as a pastor before coming to the Golden Gate in 1953.

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH REPORTS PROGRESS

Mt. Zion Church of Independence is making progress under the leadership of Pastor Billy Greene. During the last 18 months there has been a total of 62 additions.

The finances of the church have more than doubled, with gifts through the Cooperative Program increased. A total of \$914 was given to all phases of mission work during the past year, a record year for the 107-year-old church.

The pastor's salary has also been increased, the pastorage remodelled, and plans are complete for building a new annex of eight Sunday School rooms.

We all need discipline—all of us, we old as certainly as ye young. We old have our temptations as certainly as those of any other age group. Oh, ours are not the same temptations to be sure, that is, they are not temptations of the same form, but they are just as subtle as any others. Against these we need the disciplined strength that comes only as we are exercised by chastisement, in one or another form.

And it is just the condition of youth that it needs discipline, chastisement a bit more severe, perhaps. The strength of youth is so fresh and exuberant, so restless and bubbling with unharnessed energy that, as a strong unbroken horse it is sometimes necessary to him to feel the curb and spur, so in the life of the restless youth, fast in the grip and grasp of undisciplined forces, forces capable of so great service of the right and lofty sort, it is just necessary and kind in the Lord, to have at His wise command, devoted and experienced men whom He can set over the business of training the untrained powers of the wild youth into trained ability for His use.

Claim Southern Baptists 'Invading' Canada

TORONTO (RNS) — Canadian Baptist officials have protested the alleged "invasion" of certain parts of Canada by the Southern Baptist Convention of the United States.

A report to the Baptist Union of Western Canada stated that "brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention have decided to encourage the organization of Baptist churches in Canada affiliated with the Convention . . . in areas already well served by Canadian Baptist Churches."

The report said this was "a move which will weaken relationships which for many years have been established on the principle of respect and cooperation."

The Canadian Baptists, official organ of the Baptist Convention in Canada, reported that Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, president of the Federation, had sent a letter of protest to Southern Baptist Convention officers.

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Harmony, Laurel Has Noteburning



Harmony Church, Laurel, experienced a very successful Revival Meeting in August. The Pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurel, Dr. T. R. McKibbens, did the preaching and Dewitt Pickering, Music Director for First Church, Taylorsville, led the singing. There were only four additions.

There had been over 40 additions to the church within the 60 day period just prior to the meeting.

The main object for the meeting was the raising of funds to pay off a debt on the pastorium. The pastorium was built in 1948 and the loan was for a 10 year period. The church is preparing for an extensive building program beginning in the spring of 1955 and, therefore, decided to launch a drive during the revival meeting to pay off the remaining indebtedness which amounted to \$1,847.32.

The goal was over subscribed by better than \$100 in cash and some \$400 in pledges.

As a result of this victory the notes and mortgages were burned in a special service on Sunday night Oct. 3. The church is now debt free and has about \$7,000 in

the building fund.

The picture above is of the note burning service. Holding the note and mortgage paper and standing immediately behind the pulpit is Mrs. Ethridge Bush, the church treasurer. On Mrs. Bush's right is Mrs. Ance Jordan and to her left Mrs. Melton Bush. These ladies led in the movement to build the pastorium. They are seen lighting the matches to the paper. The pastor, is holding another note to be burned which was held against the gas range presented the church by the Business Women's Circle of the WMS.

The church's report to the Association reflects the best year in its history. It has adopted a budget for 1954-55 of \$20,000 which represents an increase of better than 400 per cent in four years.

The pastor, Rev. T. E. Fant, is completing his fourth year with the church in December of this year. In the background above the Baptistry can be seen the architect's rendering of the proposed new church plant. The erection of which is to begin early in 1955.

ECRU TO OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Ecr Church, Rev. C. B. Sims, pastor, will observe its 50th anniversary on Sunday, October 31. Rev. K. Z. Stephens will speak at the morning service. The charter members will be recognized at this service.

After dinner on the ground a program featuring former pastors will be given.

Rev. G. L. Ford will speak at the evening service.

T. R. Coulter Accepts Eastview, Meridian

Eastview Church of Meridian has the services of a new pastor. T. R. Coulter, Jr., moved on the field and began the new work on the 15th of September. He succeeds Rev. J. L. Morgan, who served the church from its inception three years ago.

It was started as a mission a little more than three years ago and has grown to a membership of more than 350. It has a building with an auditorium to accommodate 275 people and an educational plant with 34 rooms. All of this is

Yale Street, Cleveland Is Fully Organized

With the completion of the Training Union organization, Sunday, October 10, the Yale Street Church became fully organized.

The church was constituted July 11 with 55 members. July 25, a Sunday School was organized with 52 members.

During the month of August, the men organized a Brotherhood. The ladies completed the organization of the W.M.U. Sunday, October 10. In September one hour before

debt free.

The new pastor came from a very successful pastorate at Scooba. While at Scooba he served also as BSU director for the East Mississippi Junior College.

He received his training from Clarke College, Mississippi Southern College, and Golden Gate Seminary.

A note of interest is that both T. R. Coulter, Sr., and T. R. Coulter, Jr. are pastors of an Eastview Baptist Church. Senior is in Laurel and Junior in Meridian. These are the only two churches by this name in the Mississippi Convention.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

for the Baptist Record.

Afraid of Lightning

Question:

I am deathly afraid of lightning. Of course there are many things that frighten me at times but I always pray over them and find a solution. I feel so ashamed over this fear. It seems that each time I get so afraid over lightning, it shuts His presence away from me.

My friends all laugh at me. I don't think they mean to be cruel. It does seem foolish but I cannot overcome it. I even get violently sick of my stomach.

Do you think something is wrong with my faith? Or could it be a nervous disorder?

Answer:

Your friends are wrong. Such fears are not funny. Nor are they a lack of faith. Nor can they be cured by prayer or by "positive thinking" or by any mental tricks. Prayer will help if you pray right. And faith will steady you and give you courage.

Of course, such abnormal fear is a nervous disorder. To speak of them as "emotional disorders" is probably a little more accurate. They might even be thought of illnesses of the unconscious. But you cannot overcome them by conscious effort. And religion aims at the conscious.

Personally, I am deathly afraid of high places. Most people have some kind of phobia. I am living with mine—and staying away from high places.

Your fear of lightning might be removed by an expert psychotherapist—if you are young, have plenty of money, and will take two or three years in the process.

Otherwise manage your fear the best you can and quit being ashamed of it. God does not hold you responsible for something you cannot help.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

preaching service and 30 minutes on Wednesday nights were given to the study of Training Union work. Following this study the Training Union was completed, thus completing the organization of the church.

The Sunday school enrollment has increased to 105. C. R. Hilburn is superintendent. The Brotherhood has an enrollment of 10, with Coleman Sims as president. The W.M.S. membership is 12, with Mrs. W. D. Griffin as president. The Training Union began with 45 enrolled. George Evans Fletcher is director. The church membership is 69.

The offering for the first two weeks in October has been over \$400.

RADIO PROVES ITSELF

By REV. PAUL M. STEVENS, Director

Radio-Television Commission, SBC Over 20,000 fan mail letters have come from all over the world to the "Baptist Hour" headquarters in the past nine months, a testimonial flood to the effectiveness of radio as God's gift for the preaching of His Word.

Letters that speak of every shade and tone of hope and despair.

Letters from children by the scores—letters from soldiers on far flung outposts have come in by the hundreds.

Letters from wayward sons and soiled daughters whose hearts are on fire with the convictions of sin.

Letters that almost weep aloud as they beg for prayer by the staff of the Commission.

Thousands and thousands of letters, pouring out heroic stories of faith and courage in the face of invalidism, or certain death from cancer.

The Southern Baptist Convention, through its weekly program "The Baptist Hour," has erected one of the greatest altars of prayer and hope in all the world.

Remember this — If all the churches of America were filled to capacity any one Sunday morning, there would still be 110 million people left outside. But the radio has become so popular, and such a normal part of every person's life in America that it is entirely possible to reach the ears of 100 million Americans at one time.

So, while the organ peals out its golden tone and while the preachers in the pulpit preach the message of eternal life, the great

masses of the lost people of America are not in the churches, but they are within earshot of a radio. That's why we say the following things to Southern Baptists:

God has promised to bless His Word.

God gave us radio and television, not to sell tobacco and beer, but to spread that which is beautiful and good and the message that leads to eternal life.

God has not given us any more powerful means of preaching His Word than radio and television to the millions who never darken the door of a church.

If God gave it, if God blesses it, if it is good and right, then it should be done, and done right! Done on a nationwide scale — a world-wide scale! And it should be done NOW!

The Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists is the only hope of the Radio and Television Commission. May Southern Baptists awaken to the responsibility that rests upon them and share this wealth more fairly and honestly with a world in need of the message of Christ.

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Pastor Resigns To Go To Columbus

The Rev. A. E. Lucas, for the past four years pastor of the Baptist Church in Louise, moved to Columbus, where he will be the new pastor of the Central Church. Rev. Lucas organized the Baptist church in Louise October 15, 1950 with 14 members. At present the membership is 135. During his four years as pastor a church building has been erected and paid for and the pastorium has also been erected.

Prior to leaving Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas were honored by a Tea given in their honor by the W.M.U. of which Mrs. J. A. Sanders is the president.

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Lexington Church Adopts Rotation System Of Electing Deacons

At a recent meeting of the deacons of the Lexington church, P. H. Williams was elected chairman of the deacons. The former chairman was Mr. W. B. Kenna who had served as chairman for 28 consecutive years.

The church had previously adopted the system of rotating deacons. This necessitated the election of one to take his place. Mr. Kenna has also been superintendent of the Sunday School for 33 years and has been elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Rev. P. D. Bragg is the pastor.

"THINK YOU HAVE TERMITES?"

Stop their costly damage before it spreads. Jesus threw the thieves out of God's house in Jerusalem, let's get the termites out of God's houses in Mississippi. 8 years with the U. S. Government in Pearl Harbor. From 1945 to 1953 in Termite control. A World War II disabled veteran. Will do God's houses 10% under standard estimates. We use the same formulas as the U. S. Government and this chemical destroy termites if you have this know how to use it, any of your brothers and sister think you have termites in your homes just send me a card for free inspection anywhere in Mississippi or Louisiana. We are licensed and bonded in both states.

JOHN C. STOCKSTILL, Bonded Inspector
317-7th Street, Picayune, Miss.
with the State Termite Control, Hammond, La.

Station Drops Beer Advertising After Baptist Broadcasts

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS)—After a summer of baseball broadcasts sponsored by Baptists instead of brewers, radio station WGRC here has dropped all beer advertising.

Charles L. Harris, vice-president and general manager, said, "We had been thinking of it for some time. We carry quite a lot of religion on our station and it was just not consistent to carry beer or wine advertising. When the Baptist came along and sponsored our afternoon baseball, we just decided to drop alcoholic advertising altogether."

He said the station notified its network affiliate, Mutual Broadcasting System, some time ago of the new policy.

Hewett Slack, who handles publicity and promotion for the Long Run Association of Baptists, said the move makes the station the second major-network affiliate in the country to drop beer commercials.

The Long Run Association ended a season of sponsoring Mutual's "Game of the Day" on WGRC. Mr. Slack and the Rev. Ben Mitchell, superintendent of missions, said the association definitely plans to continue sponsoring major-league games next year. The association has a five-year option on the program.

The arrangement this summer replaced the previous beer commercials with plugs for churchgoing and living Christian lives. Baseball fans were taken aback at first by hearing an announcer talking about the power of prayer instead of the lightness and dryness of a certain brew.

But shortly after Baptist sponsorship began, the station and the association began to get mail from all over the country applauding the idea.

And the Baptists got their message on the air without cost, according to Mr. Mitchell. This was done by reselling the six games a week to "unobjectionable" sponsors—an automobile dealer, a house builder, and a title company.

The three sponsors paid for the entire show, and split the commercial time with the association. Next year the program will have more sponsors, Mr. Mitchell said, but the association time will not be reduced.

Of all the letters, calls, and comments, only one was unfavorable, according to Mr. Mitchell. That was a letter to the Louisville Courier-Journal which asked:

"What have Baptists come to? They are sponsoring ball games on the air when our own Baptist message may have to leave the air because of lack of funds. It is disgraceful. Our missionaries overseas are in need. . . God pity the Long Run Association for sponsoring ball games with the Lord's work suffering."

Mr. Mitchell said, "The writer obviously did not understand that sponsoring baseball was not taking a penny away from our program."

Typical of the national response, Mr. Mitchell said, was a letter from a woman in Marion, Ohio, who wrote:

"Hurrah for our side once!"

Another woman wrote that her

husband was once again enjoying the games, that he wouldn't listen as long as they were sponsored by a brewery.

Mr. Mitchell said a minister of another denomination told him the "Christian commercials" were bringing a lot of people out to church.

The pastor said one Sunday he saw a man in the congregation who hadn't been to church in ages. "What in the world are you doing here?" the clergyman asked.

"Haven't you heard this game of the day" the man answered. "I decided to take the advice."

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Southside, Hattiesburg Ordains Four Deacons

Four deacons were ordained recently at Southside Church Hattiesburg. They are A. H. Bankston, W. J. Wright, W. J. Kitchens, and Alfred D. Brown.

Rev. C. S. Moulder, pastor of New Hope Church in Covington County, presented the Articles of Faith. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Herman Merritt, pastor of Central Church. R. J. Walters, deacon at 19th Avenue Church, led the ordination prayer.

After the laying on of hands by the ministers and deacons present, Rev. James Parker, pastor of Fellowship Church, Jones County, gave the charge to the deacons. The pastor, Rev. Garland McInnis, presented each deacon with an ordination certificate.

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Merrill D. Moore Is Area Speaker

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion, Executive Committee, Nashville, was the principal speaker for a combination area Stewardship-Foundation Rally held Sept. 29 in Tupelo.

The meeting was held at Calvary Church, Tupelo, with Rev. Silas Johnson, Plantersville, Lee County stewardship chairman, and Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Jackson, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, making arrangements for the rally.

Pastors and other church and associational leaders from 10 counties were present.

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Man Of Distinction

Here is another candidate for "Men of Distinction."

As is well known the Baptist Record makes an effort to aid the liquor crowd in presenting "Men of Distinction."

A French war bride has confessed the shot gun slaying of her drunken husband. The wife, who does not drink, said her husband's drinking had always caused trouble and that she had accompanied him on bar tours only in an attempt to hold down his drinking. She related how he had abused her, slapped her and had begun beating her. She then shot him.

The results of this liquor party are: one widow and four fatherless children, ages, eight, six, five and four.



STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL October 31 - November 7

Construction Started On Oakvale Pastorium

Construction of a pastorium has been started by the Oakvale Church. On completion, the asbestos siding house will have three bedrooms and modern conveniences.

The members are doing the work on a "pay as you go" basis, announced the pastor, Rev. I. L. Norheutt.

Members of the building committee are Virgil Barnes, Leroy Summers, J. I. Robbins, R. L. Williamson, Mrs. Edna Hathorn, Mrs. Reuben Russell, Mrs. J. T. Rogers, Mrs. H. L. Langston, and H. L. Speights, chairman.

The work is under the direction of C. L. Hemphill.

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Southwestern Mission Day Features Race Relations

BY GWEN FERRELL TURNER

Mission Day (Oct. 12) at Southwestern Seminary was a great spiritual experience in the lives of those who attended. The message of those five missionaries who spoke was the laying upon our hearts the needs of our foreign mission fields.

Missionary John Mills from Nigeria, who is visiting Professor of Missions this year at Southwestern presented to us missions from the viewpoint of a missionary. We were impressed with the sincerity and earnestness of his message.

He declared that the attitude many Southern Baptists have toward race relations is "cutting the ground from under our feet" in our work in Africa. The way in which we in the United States (professing Christians) treat the Negro makes the Negro of Africa doubt the good intention of our missionary effort. In other words, if we do not respect the Negro's equal rights at home, evidently, we will not in Africa.

There were 26 who surrendered for Foreign Mission Service.

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Rev. J. D. Walker, who went from Calhoun City to Normangee, Texas, has recently accepted the pastorate at Goss and he writes that he is glad to be back in Mississippi. The people have given the Walkers a wonderful reception and the work is moving on in high gear.

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Among those attending Southern Baptist institutions this fall, the following from Mississippi are enrolled at Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California: Charles E. Bush, Richton; Stanley Stamps, Prentiss; Maurice F. Wicker, Smithdale.

DOCTRINALLY SPEAKING: CHRISTIAN SABBATH

BY BRUCE H. PRICE, PASTOR
First Church, Newport News, Va.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS CRIPPLE A CHURCH

By DR. C. E. WILBANKS

How crippling is the non-resident membership of our Baptist churches? If we regard the 1954 report of the churches in LaFayette association we can see how serious it might be. There were 4,600 total members reported. Of these 1478 were reported non-resident. That is, 32.13 per cent absenteeism. Some churches had more non-resident than resident members.

Apply that ratio to any branch of the armed forces, or to school faculties or student bodies, or to public servants, or to labor in any field. How crippling? No one can say.

However, that ratio of non-resident members would not be the average across the Southern Baptist Convention territory. After all the associations shall have met, we can get the grand total, for the associational letters this year ask for the number of non-resident members.

If you did not observe Transfer Church Membership Week, in September, you can see from the report of our Co-laborers in LaFayette Association, that we need to observe that week. Even yet, you can work on this problem.

Preparing the associational letter reveals your particular problem. It is not difficult to do something about it.

First: From friends, loved ones, or other available sources find the last mailing address of each non-resident member.

Second: Write them a warm letter of love and appreciation. Tell them how happy you were when they were received into your fellowship. Tell them you miss them, and want them to serve Christ where they live. Then ask them if they want to continue membership with you. If they do, you want to help them any way possible, and you need their help; please continue to send their tithes and offerings.

Third: If they would like to join where they now live, you will send a letter of dismission to the pastor or church, nearest them. But by all means, please furnish your their present names and addresses.

Fifth: Put on a search of your received, write the Baptist church nearest them and ask that your members be administered to at the address given.

Sixth: Put on a search of your community and find the Baptists who have moved in. They are somebody's non-resident members. Minister to them. Enlistment will follow your loving concern.

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SCADLE is the new 3-in-1 kitchen tool! It ladles and automatically weighs all ingredients and, in addition, is a measuring cup. Famous chefs agree that weighing your ingredients assures more uniform results. One ladleful weighs up to 1/2 lb. at one time. It is highly polished aluminum. Included is a new book of exciting recipes from all parts of the world. \$2.98 ppd. American Homecraft Co., 3714 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 41.

"Is it still Sunday?" asked our little Adrienne after attending the nursery class and the morning



worship. I explained that all of the day is Sunday, the afternoon and evening as well as the morning. Satisfied, she ran out to play, leaving me thinking about her question and disturbed by my answer.

Now that ten years have passed and she is in high school I must tell her the facts about Sunday. "Sunday is not Sunday at all, my dear, no part of the day is Sunday—if actions speak for many in our church membership. It is just another day in the week, like all other days, except it is more of a holiday that is misused and abused in an attempt to be amused."

I must hasten to say all church members are not this kind. Many of the teachers along with some deacons and other pillars would not think of desecrating Sunday in this manner. For them Sunday morning is Sunday, all the morning but after the eleven o'clock service, it is another day. Making Sunday a half-day is a modern move, and the size of our evening congregation leads me to believe it is most successful.

However, there is a remnant among us, an old fashioned group who persist in believing all day Sunday is Sunday, and call it the Lord's day, for it was on the first day of the week that Jesus came from the sealed tomb in the garden. These use the day for rest, Christian service, and divine worship.

The passing of the Jewish sabbath and the observance of the Christian sabbath began in New Testament times. After Jesus arose on Sunday, as far as the record states, each of his appearances was on the first day. The disciples came together and Paul preached to them on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). Paul instructed the Christians in Corinth to lay aside their offerings on the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:2). John's vision on the isle of Patmos was received on the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10).

Therefore, we who are Baptists believe, "That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and (sinful) recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God."

This must have been what Longfellow meant when he wrote, "Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week."

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Evidently the presentation at the Oktibbeha Association of the Baptist Record was effective. At the noon hour one of the members brought to the Baptist Record representative a list of 13 names and a check to cover a year's subscriptions for each one.